Excise Duty Evasion by Officials of Maruti Udyog Limited

2246. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Excise Department have started investigating into the alleged theft of Maruti vehicles which has led to large scale evasion of excise duty ;

(b) if so, the details of the preliminary investigations;

(c) whether the officials of Maruti Udyog Limited have been found indulging in evasion of excise duty; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Following a newspaper report on 30-9-92, the officers of Central Excise Collectorate, Delhi contacted Gurgoan Police on 1-10-92 regarding stolen vehicles. The S. S. P. Gurgoan informed that 7(seven) vehicles were stolen from M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. and were presently in Police custody, being the case property in the case FIR No. 611 dated 31-8-92. On enquiry from M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd., it was found that on four of these vehicles no excise duty had been paid and two had been cleared on payment of duty. Information regarding the seventh vehicles is still awaited. The S. S. P., Gurgoan had been informed on 7-10-92 that the four non-duty paid vehicles stand seized under the Central Excise Law. He has replied stating that these vehicles will not be released unless cleared by the Central Excise authorities. On enquiries from General Manager (Production), Maruty Udyog Ltd., it was reported that after assembly of vehicles, every vehicle is tested and if found that faults are beyond repair the same is dismantled. Some of the vehicles shown to have been dismantled had, in fact, been stolen.

(c) and (d) The matter is still under investigation and informations regarding involvement of the officials of Maruti Udyog Ltd. as well as further course of action will be available only on completion of investigations.

PSUs referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction

2247. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Public Sector Undertakings which have been referred to the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, so far;

(b) what is the estimated loss suffered by each of these Public Sector Units;

(c) what are the details of the terms of reference to examine the working of these PSUs;

(d) whether any report has been submitted to Government by the BIFR, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the follow-up action contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The names of the Public Sector Undertakings registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as on 30-11-92 and the accumulated losses suffered by them, as shown in their reference, are indicated in the statement enclosed (see below).

(c) BIFR has reported that references in respect of Public Sector Undertakings are dealt with as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

List of Public Sector Companies registered with BIFR

S. No.	Name of the Company	Accumulated Los
1		3
1.	T. N. Industrial Explosive Ltd.	2922.52
2.	Sigraneries Collaries Ltd.	61356.37
3.	U. P. Instrument Ltd.	1227.83